Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 U.S. Application No. 10/790,143

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A laminate production apparatus for producing a laminate by nipping a running support and a resin film of thermoplastic resin by means of a nip roller and a cooling roller while coating the surface of the support with the resin film, wherein and comprising a gas jet nozzle for jetting a gas permeable through the resin film toward the surface of the cooling roller and forming a gas curtain extending in a width direction of the surface of the cooling roller, between the cooling roller and the gas jet nozzle, the gas jet nozzle being provided near a nip point for the support and the resin film,

wherein the gas jetted by the gas jet nozzle is permeable through the resin film.

- 9. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 8, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.
- 10. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the gas jet nozzle is disposed at a position such that the distance from a tip of the gas jet nozzle to the surface of the cooling roller is 50 mm or shorter when blowing the gas vertically to the surface of the cooling roller.

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- 11. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.
- 12. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the gas jet nozzle is disposed at a position corresponding to a central angle for the cooling roller of 90 degrees or smaller, the central angle representing an arc distance on the cooling roller from a blown point on the surface of the cooling roller for gas blow to the nip point.
- 13. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.
- 14. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the gas jet nozzle is disposed at a position such that the distance from a tip of the gas jet nozzle to the surface of the cooling roller is 50 mm or shorter when blowing the gas vertically to the surface of the cooling roller.
- 15. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.